(c) whether it has also been stated that it would be socially unjust, economically unviable and environmentally catastrophic and risky and that large number of persons are likely to be uprooted thereby and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (c) Apprehensions have been expressed by various individuals and bodies regarding the safety aspects and ecological impact of these projects. Government sanctions Projects only after considering their safety and environmental aspects. Similarly provision is made for payment of compensation and rehabilitation of persons who may be displaced by these projects before projects are sanctioned.

(b) Deoprayag, Haridwar and Rishikesh cities are downstream of Tehri Project and are not affected by it. Though Tehri Project is located in seismic zone, adequate studies have been made to arrive at a safe and economic engineering structure after taking into account all the relevant factors.

Power position in the North-Eastern States

3756. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the power generation in the North Eastern States is the lowest in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the North Eastern States have immense resources for power generation;

(c) if so, what are the projects proposed and the projects in the process of completion for power generation in the North Eastern States; and

(d) what will be the approximate power in megawats to be generated from these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to an assessment made by the CEA, the North Eastern Region has a potential of hydro-electric power generation to the tune of about 32000 MW at 60 per cent load factor.

(c) and (d) The requisite information is given in the Annexure. (See Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 133]

Benefits under DPCO, 1987

3757. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the break-up of benefits which have accrued to the industry and to the trade respectively under the DPCO, 1987;

(b) whether Government have also got benefits from the DPCO, 1987; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof together with the extent of such benefits?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The DPCO, 1987 is aimed at ensuring the adequate availability of all essential and life saving drugs to the consumers at reasonable prices. Suitable incentives to the industry and trade like increase in the rate of MAPE and trade margin have also been provided in order to boost production, which will ultimately benefit the consumers.

12.00 Noon

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th April, 1987 to Unstarred Question 306 regarding fake termination vouchers

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND